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2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 30, 1983

LEBANON

Chairman -- The Vice President

- I. Introduction..... Vice President Bush
- II. Intelligence Update..... DDCI McMahon
- III. Military Update..... Weinberger/Vessey
- A. Marine Contingent
- B. Military trainers in Cadmos Hotel
- C. Status of Eisenhower
- IV. Diplomatic/Political Update..... Secretary Shultz
- A. McFarlane meeting with Begin
- B. McFarlane recommendation for NSC meeting
- V. Legal Implications..... Deputy Attorney General Schmuts
- VI. General Discussion/Recommendations..... Vice President

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NSC review completed.

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--The Shia militia are still fighting with the Lebanese army at Al Musaytibah--also near the Qantari and Mar llyes.

--The British embassy reports that it can hear the fighting.

--We recently received a Beirut Sitrep as of 10:00 this morning that indicated that sporadic arms fire punctuated by RPGs and mortar rounds could be heard by the Marines. Additionally, there is fighting going on at Ras An Nab and Bir Hasan. Suspicion is that the Suni^Ns are involved in the Ras An Nab fighting.

--The Lebanese report that they have control of the road from the airport to the Sabra camp and that they also seized ~~the~~^{an} Amal headquarters.

--Most of the firing which was witnessed against the Marines in the airport came from the Druz-held territory southeast of the airport. ~~SHAF~~

--Marines took fire in at least six different positions. Marines killed in two locations and wounded in a third.

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- II. Intelligence Update. John McMahon
 - A. Situation in Beirut
 - B. Lebanese Capabilities and Intentions
- III. Military Situation Cap Weinberger/
GEN Vessey
 - A. Disposition of MNF
 - B. Effect of Israeli Withdrawal
- IV. Diplomatic/Political Update. George Shultz
 - A. U.S. Interests and Objectives
 - B. Israeli and Arab Government Positions/Reactions
 - C. Allied Reactions
 - D. Soviet Position/Reaction
- V. Discussion Vice President Bush
 - A. Military Options
 - 1. Increased U.S. Support to LAF
 - 2. Increasing U.S. MNF Contingent
 - B. Diplomatic Options
 - C. Public Affairs/Legislative Strategy
- VI. Recommendations for the President. . . . Vice President Bush

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